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TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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Department of Human Services

Youth-Adult Council

Paulina Colon – Chairperson

Tim Cunningham-Co-Chair



Karen Futoma
Director

Monday, March 14, 2016
Conference Rm. 1 (near Town Manager's office)

Minutes

In attendance: Karen Futoma, Tim Cunningham, Carol Anest, Emily Guion, Maria Gonzalez-Soto, Alyssa Lacross, Molly Rusgrove, Alyssa Nadeau, Tim Manke, Paulina Colon, Enzo Zocco

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of January 11, 2016 minutes: Minutes were approved
- III. Hoopla-March 24, 2016:
 - a. Officer Cunningham will get the student volunteers-Key Club, National Honors Society, Student Council, as well as YAC student committee members
 - b. Concessions will be taken care of as well.
- IV. Review and approval of mini grant application form-Application was reviewed by the YAC Committee and approved to be sent out to the elementary and middle schools to begin the mini grant application process. Mini grants will be issued up to \$500 per school for approved applications.
- V. Review and approval of update to YAC Council Overview document: This document was reviewed by the YAC Committee and approved.
- VI. Reports
 - a. Youth-CMT Science will take place later this week. Registration for 9th grade courses for the incoming freshmen for the fall of 2016 is taking place. Plans are being finalized for the Washington D.C. trip.
 - b. SEAN (Special Education Alliance of Newington)-Special needs seminar was held by SEAN with the help of a law firm. A navigation through the adult world workshop was also held.
 - c. Police-Ciara McDermott basketball game will be taking place on Friday, April 1st to raise YAC scholarship money. This year, the police department will be spectators and teachers and students will play in games.
 - d. Library-planning programs for the summer.
 - e. School Administration-The musical, Thoroughly Modern Millie will run from Thursday to Saturday this week. The Ciara McDermott basketball game is April

1st. The boys Basketball team will be playing in the State semi-finals tomorrow night. The administration of the SAT and CAPT were done on March 2nd.

- f. Town Council-reviewing the town proposed budget. Town manager search committee will begin their process.
- g. Board of Education-reviewing the BOE budget. The BOE budget was just presented to the town council last week.
- h. Human Services-Budget presentation took place last week. Human Services needed to reduce their budget by \$20,000 clinical services they offer. Human Services applied for State grants in the past it is uncertain if these State grants will be available to support their youth programs. Human Services received a juvenile review board grant. This grant may be used to subsidize summer school for JRB students from this past year. The workshops on hoarding that were offered by human services have continued so that there is more awareness of this topic as a mental illness as well as providing support for those who need it. Human services is looking to get more of its workers trained in this area to support the community members who need it. Human Services is also engaging local colleges/universities to develop curriculum on hoarding for undergraduate/graduate students. Legislation on hoarding has also been proposed at the state level to help get a functioning state wide task force. The human services food bank has been busy. The yurt was used for the first overnight trip following a hiking trip. It was a big success. More trips and yurt opportunities are being planned.

VII. Other Business

- a. YAC Scholarships this spring-3 scholarships of \$500 if we raise \$1500 or 3 scholarships of \$600 if we raise \$1800.
- b. Enzo Zocco and Tim Cunningham will form the sub-committee for choosing the scholarship recipients.
- c. Life Star and the Impact Program will move forward being planned. YAC will give both programs the donations that YAC had set aside for these programs.
- d. Money was also set aside for the library to work with Rik Huggard to do the ROPES course.

VIII. Public Comment: None

IX. Adjournment: 8pm